




Sully Spotlight

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Officer of the Quarter



PFC Michael Roberts

PFC Mike Roberts was selected as Officer of the Quarter by Sully's Citizen Advisory Committee. PFC Roberts was chosen not only for the hard work he performs on a daily basis in patrol but also for his excellent crime scene skills.

During the month of September 2009, PFC Roberts used those crime scene skills to assist the Auto Theft Section with a large case involving several stolen motorcycles. PFC Roberts responded to an address on Compton Road where he was met by fellow squad officers and a CIB detective. The crime scene in question was a farm house with numerous buildings on the property. One of those buildings, a steel barn, housed several vehicles and motorcycles, some of which were stolen. After determining a large area was in need of processing, he requested for additional resources from the Crime Scene Section. Two full-time crime scene detectives arrived to assist PFC Roberts. PFC Roberts performed detailed crime scene analysis, processing, and diagramming. He worked side by side with the detectives to ensure the evidence was properly handled, packaged, and delivered to the Crime Scene Section for processing.

In the following days, the case led detectives to a storage facility in Baltimore, Maryland. PFC Roberts traveled with detectives to Baltimore to assist with evidence collection and processing. The evidence, which included many individual vehicle pieces, was transported back to Fairfax County. His diligence and cooperation in this case are a testament to the hard work he performs on a daily basis. Excellent work Mike!

Events of Interest

Neighborhood Watch Training

Monday February 22nd at 7 p.m.

**Location:
Sully District Station**

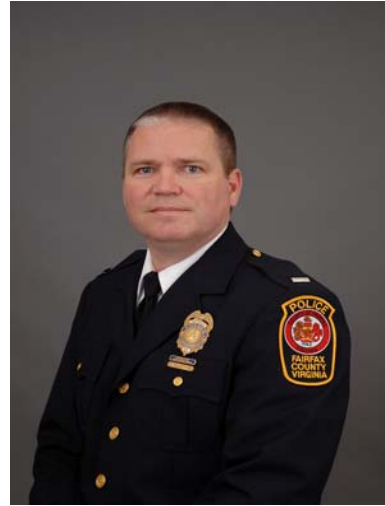
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Sully Station Welcomes Our New Commanders



**Captain John Piper
Commander
Sully District Station**



**First Lieutenant John Trace
Assistant Commander
Sully District Station**

Sully Station would like to welcome our new commanders, Captain John Piper and First Lieutenant John Trace. Here is a little about both and where they have been throughout their careers.

Captain Piper has been with the Fairfax County Police Department for 16 years. Some of his previous assignments include working as a patrol officer at the Mt. Vernon District Station, a detective in the Organized Crime and Narcotics Division, and as a patrol supervisor at the Mason and McLean District Stations. As a First Lieutenant, he worked as a Police Liaison Commander in the Public Safety and Operations Center (PSTOC), the Assistant Commander of the Sully District Station, Assistant Commander of the Criminal Intelligence Division, and most recently as the Acting Commander of the Investigative Support Division in Criminal Investigations Bureau.

He was promoted to Captain on December 5, 2009, and says the following: "I am very pleased to be back working at the Sully District Station. The citizens of the Sully District are fortunate to have a such a dedicated and professional group of men and women serving their needs. I am looking forward to meeting with the community in my new role as the Station Commander!"

First Lieutenant Trace started with the department in 1987 and was assigned to the Reston District Station as a patrol officer. He became a Field Training Instructor (FTI) and was promoted to Sergeant in 1995 and assigned to the Fair Oaks District Station and stayed there for 18 months. He was then assigned to the Street Crimes Unit. He worked in Street Crimes for two and a half years and was then promoted to Second Lieutenant and transferred to the Mount Vernon District Station where he spent six years as the evening shift supervisor. Lieutenant Trace was then sent to the Internal Affairs Bureau and while there, competed for the First Lieutenant's promotion, which he received in 2006. As First Lieutenant, he served as the newly established Police Liaison Commander (PLC) for 11 months at our dispatch center. He was then sent to the Special Operation Division (SOD) where he served for two and a half years, overseeing SWAT, K9, Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD), Marine Patrol Unit (MPU), Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD), Underwater Search and Recovery Unit and Search and Recovery Unit. These are some of the awards he has earned in his career, one County Team Award; one Department Team Award; three Meritorious Awards; one Phillip Powell Award; one Chief's Challenge Mount Vernon Station Award.

Welcome aboard. We are happy to have you both here!

Santa's Ride 2009



The 2009 Santa's Ride was another success thanks to the generosity of our citizens who live and work in Sully's District. The above picture shows just a portion of the gifts received here at Sully. In fact, we continued to receive gifts after the drop-off deadline. I would like to personally thank everyone who donated a gift for this great cause.

RECENT CRIME TRENDS

- ☞ GPS thefts continue to be an issue. If you leave a GPS unit on your dash or mounted to your windshield in an unattended vehicle, you are asking for trouble. Please remove all GPS units and other items of value from your vehicle. **Keep your vehicle locked at all times!**
- ☞ Catalytic converter thefts are also on the rise. The vehicles mostly targeted are trucks and SUV's because they are higher off of the ground and easier to get under. While there is little you can do to keep your vehicle from being targeted there are some after-market devices out there that prevent the catalytic converter from being removed. The best advice we can give is to call in ANY suspicious people, vehicles, or behavior that you observe.

Thefts from vehicles continue to be a problem in our district. This is an issue that could be greatly improved if more people would take responsibility and remove valuables from their vehicle or even lock their car doors. I will continue to leave the flyer, on page 7, in the newsletter and I hope that you will help me spread the message. Please feel free to print it out and use it.

Let's strive to prevent these types of crimes. Report all suspicious activity to the police. When in doubt, call it in!

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

Unfortunately there are those out there who take advantage of our compassion and generosity to make a quick buck. As sick as it may seem, the recent earthquake in Haiti has brought out these criminals who are looking to take advantage of us. Please be very careful when donating that the money goes to the proper charities and not some scam artist. Here are some tips to follow:

- Do not respond to any unsolicited (spam) incoming e-mails, including clicking links contained within those messages.
- Be skeptical of individuals representing themselves as surviving victims or officials asking for donations via e-mail or social networking sites.
- Verify the legitimacy of nonprofit organizations by utilizing various Internet-based resources that may assist in confirming the group's existence and its nonprofit status rather than following a purported link to the site.
- Be cautious of e-mails that claim to show pictures of the disaster areas in attached files because the files may contain viruses. Only open attachments from known senders.
- Make contributions directly to known organizations rather than relying on others to make the donation on your behalf to ensure contributions are received and used for intended purposes.
- Do not give your personal or financial information to anyone who solicits contributions: Providing such information may compromise your identity and make you vulnerable to identity theft.

Anyone who has received an e-mail referencing the above information or anyone who may have been a victim of this or a similar incident should notify the IC3 via www.ic3.gov.



The Sully District Station of the Fairfax County Police Department, in the interest of promoting safe and sober driving during the winter holiday season, participated in the national "Safe December" program. The purpose of this enforcement campaign, which ran from Thanksgiving to the first week of January 2010, was to continually educate the public about the dangers and consequences of irresponsible drinking and driving. The Sully District Traffic Team, along with officers from the evening and midnight shifts identified and arrested **57** drunk drivers during this campaign.

Outstanding job everyone!

Sully District Station Child Seat Inspections

Is your child seat installed properly? Is it the correct seat for your child's age and weight? Did you know that your Sully District Station offers free child seat inspections by certified technicians? **Next available dates:** February 4th 5 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

February 25th 5 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

No appointment is necessary. Our technicians request that you make an effort to install your child safety seats yourself, so that they may properly inspect and make adjustments, as necessary. For additional child seat inspection times, you can call the Fairfax County Operations Support Bureau at 703-280-0559.



CAC Corner



The Citizens' Advisory Committee provides a means for the district station commander and police staff to hear citizens' concerns directly, provide information on police issues and allows group members to share information with others in their residential, business, civic or church groups. It is a valuable bridge between the community and the police department.

Sully Police District residents and business people who are interested in learning more about the Sully District CAC are encouraged to contact PFC P. B. Katinsky at 703-814-7018.

Upcoming S.A.L.T. Meetings

When: February 10th at 11 a.m.

Where: Sully District Station– 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly, Virginia 20151

To learn more about TRIAD/S.A.L.T. please visit page 9 or www.vaag.com

Neighborhood Watch Training

The next training class for Neighborhood Watch will be held on **Monday February 22nd at 7p.m.** The class will take place here at Sully District Station (4900 Stonecroft Blvd. Chantilly, VA) in the front conference room. There is no need to register for the class, just show up on the night of the 22nd. I hope to see a good turnout.

Prevention Awareness



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Sully District Station
Crime Prevention Unit



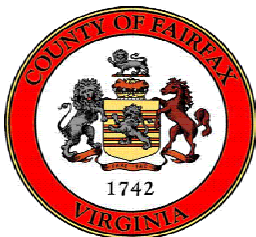
THEFTS FROM VEHICLES ARE ON THE RISE !

Protect your property !!

Increasing numbers of purses, wallets, laptop computers, GPS units, iPods, cameras, and other valuable items are being stolen from vehicles.

Tips for deterring thefts:

- Do not leave valuables visible from the outside.
- Items should be REMOVED and not just concealed.
- Lock all doors and close the windows when leaving the car, even if it's only for a short time.
- When possible, try to park in a well-lit area.
- Call the police IMMEDIATELY if you observe ANY suspicious people, vehicles, or activity in your neighborhood.



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Non-Emergency 703-691-2131
Emergency 911

For more information please contact the Sully District Station Crime Prevention Unit at 703-814-7018 or 703-814-7048

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Chantilly, VA 20151

Main Phone 703-814-7000
Fax 703-814-7013

File a Report online
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/crs

Virginia Amber Alert
<http://www.vaamberalert.com>

Code of Virginia
Searchable Database

<http://leg1.state.va.us/000/src.htm>



PHONE NUMBERS

Fairfax County Crime Solvers :
1-866-411-TIPS

Fairfax County Police Non-Emergency:
703-691-2131

Sully District Crime Prevention Office:
703-814-7018
or
703-814-7048

Child Car Seat Installation:
Sully District Station
703-814-7000 x 5140

Citizen Reporting System (to file reports only)
703-691-2131



By: Carol Burton– Sully SALT co-chair

Seniors (55 and over) in the Sully Police District are active, committed people. Many still work outside their homes and are busy with sports, crafts, grandchildren and community involvement.

But crime still happens, even to the most aware seniors, and it's worse for those who are alone, fragile and vulnerable as they age.

Now there is a nationwide organization to address crime specifically targeting seniors called TRIAD.

Started in 1988, in Louisiana, TRIAD is a partnership between law enforcement and citizens aimed at preventing seniors from being victimized by criminals.

Virginia TRIAD began in 1995 and is overseen by the Commonwealth's Attorney General's office. There are many chapters throughout the Commonwealth, from urban to rural areas.

Here in Fairfax County each police substation hosts a S.A.L.T. (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) council. This brings citizens, law enforcement, clergy, county aging representatives, elected officials and the business community together to fight crime against seniors.

We want you and all your fellow seniors to take a break from your activities and join us!

Topics for this coming year include: Crime prevention and seniors, home security checks, understanding domestic violence, personal safety while shopping or in public and help with consumer fraud.

We hope to have a variety of speakers at our meetings and are seeking interested participants. We also hope to distribute folders with valuable information to citizens in the future.

Many...many plans– and we need our energized citizens to help! We hope you'll be a part of this group. For more information and to learn how to get involved, call PFC P. B. Katinsky at 703-814-7018. You can also e-mail me at pkatin@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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